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1. INDIAN WIRE SERVICE ACCOUNTS UNDOUBTEDLY BASED ON OFFICIAL GOI BRIEFINGS STATE THAT THE DECISION TO IMPOSE PRESIDENT'S RULE IN MADRAS WAS TAKEN AFTER RECEIPT OF A REPORT FROM THE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU STATING THAT HE WAS SATISFIED THE ADMINISTRATION COULD NO LONGER BE CARRIED ON IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION. ACCORDING TO THE WIRE SERVICE ACCOUNTS, THE GOVERNOR'S

REPORT CHARGED THAT THE DMK MINISTRY HAD BY A SERIES OF ACTS OF MALADMINISTRATION, CORRUPTION AND MISUSE OF POWER FOR ACHIEVING PARTISAN ENDS SET AT NAUGHT ALL CANONS OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY WHICH WERE THE HALLMARKS OF DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION. THE DMK MINISTRY HAD DSIREGARDED THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IN RELATION TO THE EMBERGENCY AND HAD MISUSED THE EMERGENCY POWERS.

2. THE WIRE SERVICE ACCOUNTS REPORT THE GOVERNOR AS CHARGING FURTHER

THAT UNDER THE COVER OF DEMAND FOR STATE AUTONOMY THE DMK HAD BEEN
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ENCOURAGING SUCCESSIONIST ACTIVITIES.

3. THE ACCOUNTS REPORT THAT THE PRESIDENT, AFTER CONSIDERING THE GOVERNOR'S REPORT AND "OTHER INFORMATION" WAS "SATISFIED THAT A SITUATION HAS ARISEN IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF THAT STATE CANNOT BE CARRIED ON IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA.

4. FYI: THE SIZE OF PARTY BLOCS IN THE 232-MEMBER TAMIL NADU LEGISLATURE AT THE TIME OF ITS DISSOLUTION WAS: DMK-167; ADMK-17; CONGRESS (O)-13; CONGRESS (R)-7; CPI-5; MUSLIM LEAGUE-6; OTHERS-17.
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